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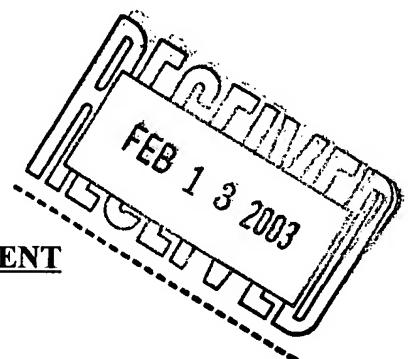
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A PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCTION
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- c. the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page,
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5. A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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	AO	FDA Submission by John Robbins Published April 29, 1999, including letter from J. Robbins to FDA dated September 30, 1998, Appendices I-V and Appendix A.
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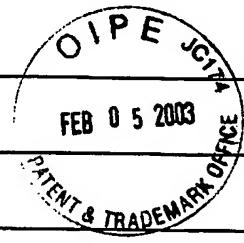
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	CF	6,010,727	1/2000	Rosenthal	426	240	
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	DJ	Appendix III to J. Robbins FDA submission, K. H. Schoenbach et al., "Effect of Pulsed Electric Fields on Micro-organisms: Experiments and Applications", paper presented at EPRI/Army PEF Workshop II, Chicago, IL on October 10-11, 1997.					
	DK	Appendix IV to J. Robbins FDA submission, K. H. Schoenbach et al., "The Effect of Pulsed Electric Fields on Biological Cells: Experiments and Applications", IEEE Transactions on Plasma Science, Vol. 25, No. 2, April 1997.					
	DL	Appendix I to J. Robbins FDA submission, Minutes of EPRI/Army PEF Workshop II, Chicago, IL on October 10-11, 1987.					
	DM	Appendix A to J. Robbins FDA submission, 28 Day Shelf Life Study on Orange Juice Treated Using Electric Pulse Process, Metals Analysis for Primary and Secondary Standards on Orange Juice Treated Using Electric Pulse Process.					
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